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## ANNOUNCEMENT

A symposium entitled "Melanin: Its Role in Human Photoprotection" will be held at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Washington, D.C. National Airport, U.S.A., March 11–12, 1994. The objective of the symposium is to review for the scientific, regulatory, business communities and the general public at large the current knowledge of the role of melanin in UV protection. The organizing committee is chaired by Dr. Miles R. Chedekel. Dr. Ago B. Ahene is the secretary. The registration desk will open at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 10, 1994, and will be followed in the evening by a welcoming reception at the Hyatt Regency. The scientific sessions will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, March 11, 1994. The conference will end on Saturday, March 12, 1994.

The tentative program is divided into five plenary sessions and will also include several Workshops and Round-table Discussions. The topics include chemistry and physics of melanins, melanin metabolism, natural distribution of melanins and photoprotection, absorptive and light-scattering properties of melanins and its precursors, melanin and free-radicals, and round-table discussions.

A second announcement and call for papers will be circulated this summer. For further information, please contact the Symposium Secretariat, Dr. Ago B. Ahene, Melanin Symposium Secretariat, 3696 Haven Avenue, Redwood City, California, 94063, U.S.A. Telephone, (415) 366-2626; Facsimile, (415) 368-4470.